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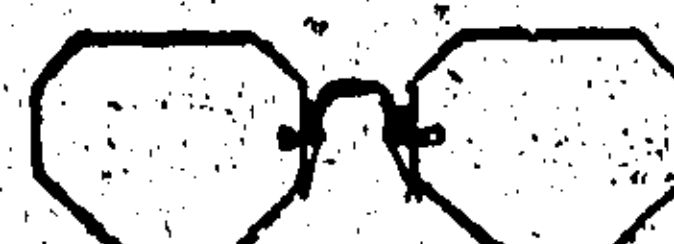
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UNCENSORED FILM CHARGE.

"Naughty" Picture in Wanchai.

A MISAPPREHENSION.

The Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., were defendants in two cases brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at Central Magistracy this morning. The summonses were brought at the instance of Mr. T. H. King, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, and both were in connection with the Grand Theatre, Wanchai.

The first charge was one of obstruction. Mr. King in evidence stating that upon the occasion of a visit to the theatre at 10.50 p.m., he discovered people standing in the gangways, and also grouped around the interpreter's platform.

A Novel Plea! Replying to Mr. H. J. Armstrong, for the defence, Mr. King said that there was no overcrowding in the theatre. There was in fact plenty of seating accommodation for everyone. He actually sent for the manager, who put the people in their seats upon his (witness's) instructions. Mr. Armstrong went on to raise various points in connection with the Ordinances, advancing the somewhat unusual plea that in case of fire, in which connection he presumed the prosecution had been brought, the people in the gangway had a much better chance of getting out!

His Worship agreed, but pointed out that they gave the seated persons rather a worse chance of getting out! Mr. Armstrong based his plea on the grounds that standing in the gangways did not in law constitute an obstruction. His Worship, however, ruled that the prosecution had proved their point, and imposed a fine of \$10.

Uncensored Film? In the second case, the Amusement Company were charged with showing an uncensored film at the same theatre on the night of October 23. The film in question was called "The Legendary Vixen," a Chinese film in nine parts.

Mr. King in evidence, said that he visited the theatre at 11.50 on the night in question, and his attention was at once attracted by certain objectionable episodes in the ninth part, which in his opinion could not have been passed by a censor. He sent for the manager, who produced the censorship card, duly signed by the censor. (On this occasion Mr. Lockhart-Smith). The card bore the remark, "Part of reel nine to be deleted."

Film Impounded. The next morning the Police took possession of reel nine, and it was again shown in the Queen's Theatre studio in the presence of his Worship, Mr. Lockhart-Smith, with whom he had communicated on the matter, the secretary of the Amusements Company, and Mr. Noronha, (who it was explained, was the advertising manager). Mr. Noronha had been present at a showing of the film before the card was signed. At the showing in the Queen's Theatre, Mr. King indicated parts in the reel which he considered objectionable, presumably in decent.

Evidence of the Censor. Mr. Lockhart-Smith, in evidence, said that the censorship card, with the proviso for cutting, had been signed by him on August 18. He had seen the film in its entirety a day or two previously, and when he came to certain incidents in part nine, he indicated definitely that he was not prepared to pass it. There was a scene he objected to, which was the basis of his decision. Mr. Noronha was not present at the time, a Chinese employee representing the Company.

The following morning, Mr. Noronha came to see him and said that the film was a certain cut. He then made certain cuts, and the film was shown on the second day. Mr. King in evidence, said that he had seen the film on the second day, and that he had seen the cuts made by Mr. Noronha.

EDITORS FORCED TO DRINK CASTOR OIL.

Drivers of Foreign Cars Ought to Be Thrashed.

THE NEW "PRUSSIANISM."

Berlin, Yesterday. Non-Fascists in Germany will have a thin time if the National Socialists come into Power. Speaking at a National Socialist meeting to-day, Dr. Goebbels, the Reichstag leader of Berlin National Socialists, said that when he was Minister of the Interior and was attacked in the newspaper, his "storm troops" would go to the newspaper office and make each Editor drink a quart of castor oil. He used to take care that the Police would arrive half an hour later.

He declared that the National Socialists one day would "shake up" the routine of the Reichstag so that the Opposition would not re-appear there. He also declared that the terror of the Communists could only be broken if half a dozen of them were strung up, and every driver of a foreign motor car in Germany ought to be thrashed and the cars destroyed. — Reuter.

tion to the specific instructions, he gave general instructions as regards a complete scene. The scene showed a Chinese girl in the hands of robbers. "There were various bloodcurdling suggestions made that I objected to," added witness, "but one incident that I remember in particular, showing the robbers leering at the girl, and one of them making approaches to her, remains the most definite impression."

A Misunderstanding? Witness went on to say that he quite thought that Mr. Noronha understood his instructions. He accordingly signed the censorship card. He did not see the film again until it was shown before Mr. King and himself on October 24. "I wish I had," he added, feelingly. Mr. Armstrong: How long did you act as censor?—I should think about two and a half months.

Have you any definite instructions as a censor?—That is a matter of policy upon which I can hardly be asked to give evidence. As a matter of fact there are definite instructions. That is all I can say.

"Close-Up" Cut Out. Mr. Armstrong proceeded to cross-examine witness as to the specific and general instructions given. It was elicited that the particular incident that witness recalled, as regards the making of approaches to the woman, occurred twice. One was a "close-up," and the same scene was re-enacted later, but at a further distance. The "close-up" which in particular had caused objection, had definitely been cut. The other "shot" remained, and in witness's opinion, was still of an objectionable nature. "As a matter of fact, I objected to the whole scene," said witness, "and I thought I had made it quite clear that it was to be cut out. I indicated where the film should be cut, and where re-commenced, and I thought Mr. Noronha understood me."

Mr. Armstrong: Do you think that there was any possibility of misapprehension?—There may have been, of course. But I really cannot see how my remarks could have been misunderstood. You do not suggest that the omission of the cutting was deliberate?—I can hardly say so far as to say that.

Thought It Was O.K. Questioned as to whether he had further opportunities to see the film again, witness said he had. But he thought his instructions would be sufficient. Mr. Lockhart-Smith's instructions were liable to misinterpretation, and also the fact that in the first instance Mr. King had seen the film and indicated parts which he considered objectionable.

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RIGOROUS REFORMS BY NEW PRESIDENT.

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RETRENCHMENT PLANS.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday. Dr. Getulio Vargas assumed the Presidency of Brazil to-day in the presence of members of the Junta, all leaders of the revolution, and the chief State officials. Dr. Vargas explained the Government programme as involving first, a general amnesty; second, a moral restoration of civil life; third, the intensive diffusion of education, particularly technical and professional; fourth, the establishment of a consultative council composed of leading personalities; fifth, the appointment of a commission of inquiry to examine the administration of former Governments; sixth, the reorganisation of the Army, and Navy in accordance with national needs; seventh, a revision of the system of taxation; eighth, the intensification of cultivation; ninth, the maintenance of rigorous economy; tenth, the organisation of a general plan of railway and road construction, and eleventh, a drastic reduction in the number of public officials. — Reuter's American Service.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE WEST RIVER.

Daylight Raids Made by Bandits.

VILLAGES TERRORISED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Kwai Peng, Tai Hui, Yesterday. News has just reached here that the Kwangtung military forces are retreating down the West River from Nanning, and that the Military Headquarters have been moved from Kwai Jen down the river to Kwai Peng. The Chinese are expecting heavy fighting along the West river, as the Kwangtung forces do not seem able to withstand the counter drive of the Kwangsi army.

While the soldiers are at war the bandits are getting more bold and are now making raids on the helpless villages in broad daylight. Last week they captured seven people near here and took them to the mountains. At Paak Sha they captured one of the wealthy merchants and are now holding him for ransom. There is much uneasiness among the people since the bandits sank one of the passenger boats between Kong Hau and Wuchow and thirty people lost their lives.

EXPORT OF OPIUM.

SOLE RIGHTS GRANTED TO PERSIAN MERCHANT.

6,500 CASES A YEAR.

Tehran, Yesterday. The Persian Government has granted Hajj Mirza Habibulla Hanin sole rights for the export of opium for five years. The concessionaire guarantees the export of 6,500 cases annually from this Port. The tax is increased to 238 per case for the first two years; 410 for the third and fourth years; and 411 for the last year of the concession. It is believed that the concessionaire is forming a company of leading Persian opium merchants with a capital of \$250,000. — Reuter.

THREE PREMIERS.

AWARDED FREEDOM OF CITY OF LONDON.

HISTORIC CEREMONY.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons addressed was adopted at the conclusion of the debate on the Conservative amendment, after Mr. Baldwin had reiterated that he declined to participate in a three-party conference on unemployment because the subject of unemployment was completely barred by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's reply to the question of the Government's programme for the next year. The House then passed a resolution awarding the Freedom of the City of London to the three premiers, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. MacDonald, and Mr. Chamberlain, in recognition of their services to the country. — Reuter.

LIBERALS 'AGIN' TORY AMENDMENT.

Lloyd George Says It Is "Protectionist."

"WAIT AND SEE."

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day, on the resumption of the debate on the Conservative amendment, there was an address by Mr. Lloyd George, who, after criticising the Government's inaction in regard to unemployment, said that he would not support the amendment because it was "protectionist." Also, he was bound to wait and see the effect of Liberal and Labour co-operation in regard to the problem of unemployment.



Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George's refusal to support the Conservative amendment.

Liberal Refusal. Mr. Lloyd George's refusal to support the Conservative amendment.

MRS. VICTOR BRUCE.

British Airwoman is Reported Safe.

The China Mail was informed this morning by an official of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, in Hong Kong, that they had received a telegram from their agent in Haiphong, at midnight, stating that the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, the British airwoman who was expected in the Colony yesterday on her flight to Japan, was reported to have landed half-way between Bangkok and Hankow, French Indo-China. It is believed that she was forced to make a landing owing to the state of the weather, and that she will resume her flight as soon as conditions improve. There is no indication in the telegram, which was despatched at 4.10 p.m. yesterday, that Mrs. Bruce has come to grief.

ment address is interpreted in the lobby as meaning that the Government will be given until Christmas to state their specific and comprehensive plans to deal with unemployment in other words, as soon as the Imperial Round Table Conference is over. The Government will probably be seriously challenged by both Opposition Parties.

Amendment Rejected. The House of Commons rejected the Conservative amendment, the division resulting: For 281 Against 250 Majority 31. — Reuter.

Mutual Help. London, Yesterday. The House of Commons addressed was adopted at the conclusion of the debate on the Conservative amendment, after Mr. Baldwin had reiterated that he declined to participate in a three-party conference on unemployment because the subject of unemployment was completely barred by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's reply to the question of the Government's programme for the next year. The House then passed a resolution awarding the Freedom of the City of London to the three premiers, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. MacDonald, and Mr. Chamberlain, in recognition of their services to the country. — Reuter.

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NEGRO SHOT DEAD IN U.S. ELECTIONS.

Otherwise Apathy is Shown by Electors.

OFFICIAL KIDNAPPED.

New York, Yesterday. The country polled to-day in an election full of baffling uncertainties, though the Democratic swing of the pendulum is considered likely, even by Republican diehards. The weather is fine but apathy is reported in many districts. The proceedings generally have been orderly, though a negro was shot dead outside a booth at Danville, Kentucky, and an election official was kidnapped at Buckner, Missouri.

The chief interest lies in the effect the election may have on the Presidential election in 1932, for during the past half century, when the party in power lost congressional elections in the middle of the President's term, it also lost the next Presidential election. — Reuter's American Service.

Democratic Landslide. The Herald Tribune, admits that the elections in New York State have resulted in a Democratic landslide. — Reuter's American Service.

WHY NOT EXTEND THE USE OF RUBBER?

Suggestion by a Former Broker of Singapore.

GOVERNMENT REPLY.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time Sir George Penny (Cons.), suggested that in view of the depressed condition of the rubber industry, consequent on the loss of revenue to the Colonies, the Government should consider the possibility of extending the use of rubber.

Mr. W. Lunn, replying, referred to the fourteenth report of the Imperial Economic Committee, which recently surveyed the trade of rubber manufactured goods, and added "active measures are in the competent hands of various unofficial bodies, one of which is the Rubber Manufacturers' Research Association, in the receipt of a Government grant." — Reuter.

[Sir George Penny was formerly a broker in Singapore.]

TARIFF TRUCE.

CONFERENCE TO ASK FOR REDUCTIONS.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION.

Rugby, Yesterday. Questioned regarding the operation of the tariff truce the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. Graham, informed the House of Commons that the Commercial convention concluded in Geneva, last March, had so far been ratified by eight countries—United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland. A meeting had been arranged for November 17 to consider the bringing into force of the convention, and in this meeting replies to recent questionnaires would be considered with a view to framing a programme for a further Conference at which the possibility of securing a reduction in tariffs would be examined. — British Wireless Service.

GAS POISONING.

MUNICIPALITY TO PAY COMPENSATION.

100 PERSONS INJURED.

Berlin, Yesterday. By a decision of the Hamburg Court, the Municipality of Hamburg has been ordered to pay compensation to over 100 people who suffered injury to their health in May 1928, when a number of residents were killed as a result of phosgene gas being used by the German Government in the first world war. The court found that the gas was used in violation of international law, and that the Municipality was liable for the damage done. — Reuter.

At Hampstead Garden Suburb flower show Mr. Foat, aged 84, took the first prize for tomato given from a 44 packet of seeds. — Reuter.

KEEPING THE PEACE IN THE EMPIRE.

Delegates Discuss How to Settle Disputes.

IMPERIAL AIR ROUTES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The heads of the delegations to the Imperial Conference made further progress to-day with a final consideration of constitutional aspects of inter-Imperial relations and also approved the reports of various committees, including those on the Singapore Naval base, on war graves, and on arbitration and disarmament. In regard to the last-mentioned the delegates were generally in favour of improving the machinery for a peaceful settlement of all forms of international disputes. The principle underlying the general act is approved with reservations applying to disputes prior to the accession of that instrument to disputes in which the parties have agreed on other methods of peaceful settlement, and to disputes between members of the British Commonwealth of nations.

The delegates also agreed that the draft of the disarmament convention offers a very excellent basis for progress and that everything possible should be done to call an actual disarmament Conference as soon as possible. The Dominion delegates are also generally agreed on the desirability of the proposal to add amendments to the League Covenant to harmonise it with the Kellogg Pact.

Civil Aviation.

The Civil Aviation Committee of the Conference to-day reviewed the progress in Imperial air communications, with heavier than air craft since the last Conference, and was impressed with the commercial and political advantages of developing and speeding them up still further. Hope was expressed that the next stage, which will be opening next year, of a regular service between Britain and South Africa would be followed by the extension of a weekly air service between Britain and India to Australia.

It was recommended that when the facilities offered are equal, preferences should be given to officers in the Empire; and that administrative and technical officers should confer for the purpose of evolving a permanent standard of airworthiness within the Empire. In view of the inquiry into the R.101 the committee made no recommendations regarding airships. — British Wireless Service.

FRESH AND FAIR.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone central over the lower Yangtze Valley has weakened slightly. Forecast: — N. E. winds; fresh; fair.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 85.19 inches against an average of 80.71 inches.

Temperatures.

The temperature at certain specified places this morning at 9 o'clock was: Hong Kong 71; Hanoi 68; Batavia 77; Manila 76; Cebu 74; Amoy 72; Swatow 70; Chefoo 48; Shanghai 62.

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YEN KILLED IN AIR RAID?

Bomb Dropped on Rebel Headquarters.

MANY CASUALTIES.

Chengchow, Sunday. A number of Nationalist new fighting planes was sent to Taiyuan on November 1, dropping bombs, one of which hit the headquarters of Yen Hsi-shan, whose fate is not yet known, but many casualties were registered. After his surrender to the Central Government, Sun Lien-chung, the ex-Kuomintang General, has been entrusted with the task of enlisting the Kuomintang remnants on the North Bank of the Yellow River. As soon as he completes his mission, his troops will be transferred to the Shantung territory.

Pacific Methods.

The Nationalist pursuing forces who have crossed to the North Bank of the Yellow River are now concentrated at Hsin-cheng and Kangleun, awaiting further instructions since the pacification commissioners Chang Chi-kang and Li Ming-chung are of the opinion to reorganise the Kuomintang by political means for the time being and not by force.

Immediately upon the return of Shih Yu-san from Mukden, the next step will be taken to deal with the Shansi troops.

Coming to Hong Kong?

Members of the enlarged session, including Chou, Lu, Hsieh Chih, Wang Ching-wei and Cheng Kung-po will leave Taiyuan for either Hong Kong or Japan in a day or two. According to General Yu Hsueh-chung, garrison commander of Tientsin and Peking, Wang Ching-wei and Li Chung-lin are reported to have arrived at Tientsin. The Mukden troops who have approached as far as Shunche and the Ping-Han line, and Tsakao-pao on the Peking-Suiyuan line are now pending orders from the high military command for a further advance.

Shensi Rehabilitation.

General Yang Fu-cheng will formally assume the post of chairman of Shensi Provincial Government on November 5, suggesting to adopt the following plans in the rehabilitation of Shensi: —

To discriminate in the administration between civil and military authorities; to disband and reorganise all the "grey" troops; to relieve famine-stricken areas; to burn all opium; to reorganise the Kuomintang into garrisoning troops; to establish producing factories; and to improve party affairs. The above plans were carried by Colonel Hu Yat-man on a plane to Nanking on November 2 for the consideration and approval of President Chiang.

Yen to Retire.

Peking, Yesterday. It is reliably reported that Yen Hsi-shan has decided to retire to his native town Wutaihsien, and hand over military affairs in Shansi to Hsu Yung-chang and political affairs to Shang Chen. — Reuter.

Chang and Chiang.

Peking, Yesterday. It is anticipated that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang will shortly come to Peking to establish the headquarters of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the former Cabinet office, and await here the arrival of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, when then meetings of the Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang have ended.

Chinese circles are of opinion that the venue of the meeting of the leaders will be Peking, and not Tientsin or Tientsin. It seems definite that Chang Hsueh-liang will not attend the Fourth Plenary Session, as had been suggested recently.

Chinese reports state that Fong Yu-hsiang has returned to Taiyuan, where he is preparing a circular telegram announcing his retirement from public life. Wang Ching-wei's movements are uncertain, because of the fact that he has not yet been heard from. — Reuter.

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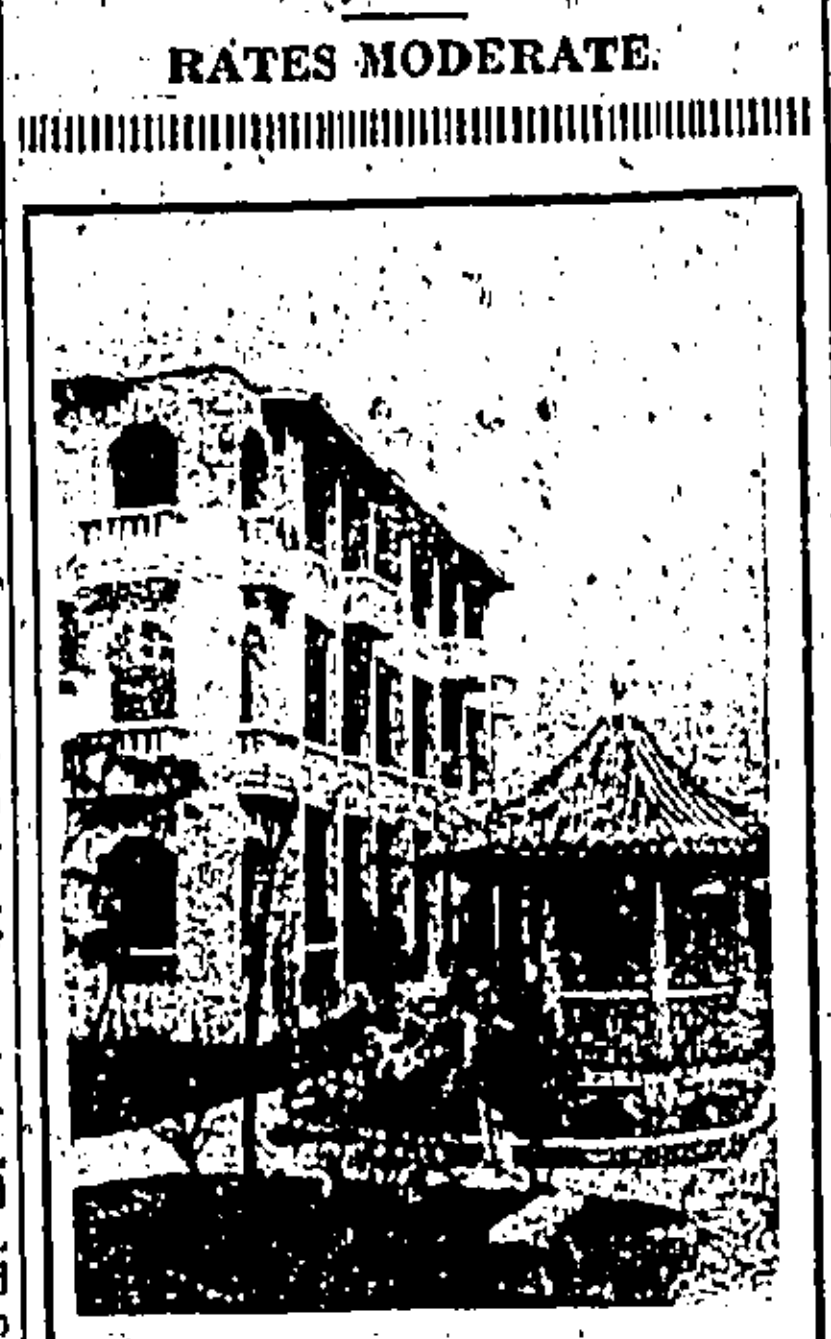
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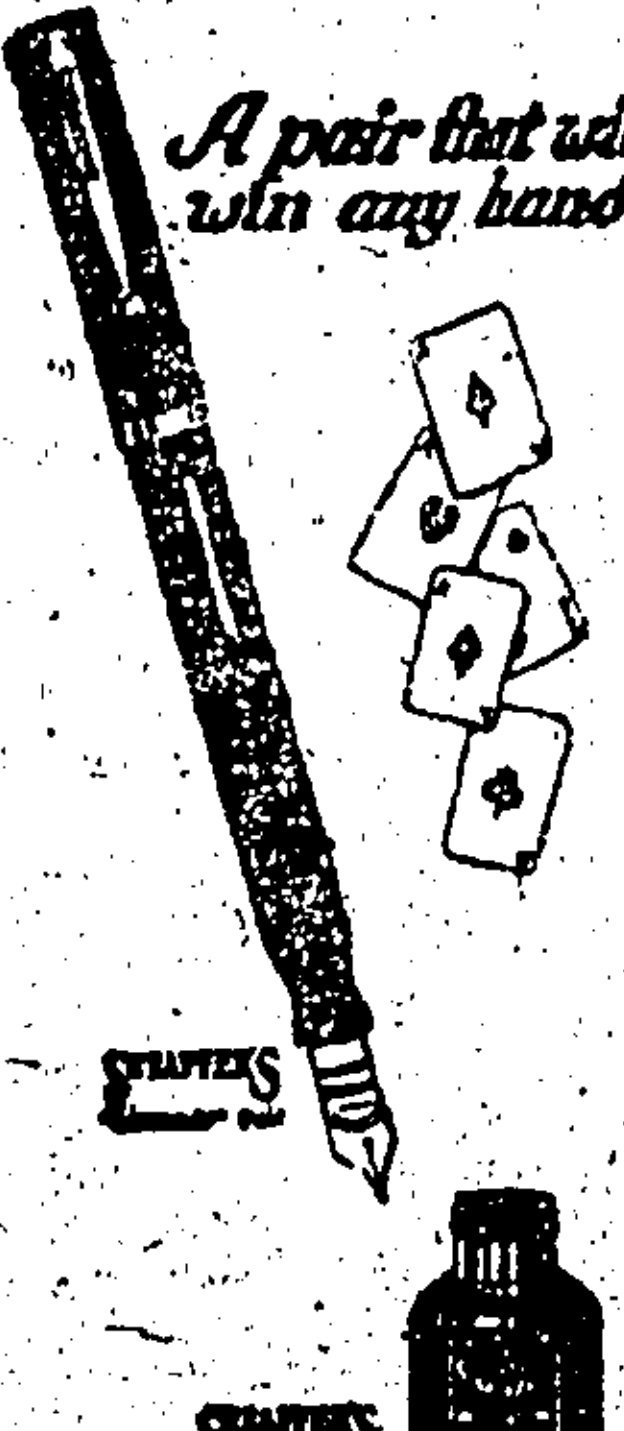
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We are all conscious of our debt to the adventurers, mainly scientific, of our own time. Applied science goes from one triumph to another—aviation, wireless, television, the wonders of yesterday are the commonplace of to-day. But what of the adventures of earlier centuries? How many of us have any clear idea of what we owe to the vision and courage of the pioneers, navigators and merchant-adventurers who went out from these islands intent on doing something tangible to add to their own and their nation's knowledge and wealth? To them we owe, first and foremost, in a very large measure, our Empire. To them we owe our shipping, our foreign trade, and as a consequence a hundred and one articles of daily use, most of which are no longer regarded as luxuries, but are accepted as just necessities by us all.

That the urge of spices, not merely esteemed as luxuries, but demanded as primary needs, when the absence of winter forage obliged our ancestors to salt and spice their meat for winter consumption, was the origin, at one remove, of our acquisition of India, is a picturesque fact often overlooked. Sugar, now relatively one of our cheapest foodstuffs, was entirely unknown to us during the Middle Ages. Previously honey was the only saccharine substance available. The potato, now the standby of a food-staple of millions of Europeans, was unknown, until Hawkins brought it from the new world; while we are also indebted to America for tobacco, the source of the bulk of mankind, and to-day that of womankind too. To these, scores of boons resulting from the voyages of Columbus and his followers may be added. The pharmacopoeia has, for instance, been enriched by countless herbs, some of outstanding value, which have their habitat in South America.

Tea was first spoken of in western history, I believe, in or about 1590, when porcelain was also mentioned, but as a popular beverage it only began its triumphal career in Charles II's reign. We owe its introduction to the Dutch East India Company. A Cretan, Nathaniel Conopius, who appears to have been of Balliol College, Oxford, brought coffee to England in the time of Charles I. Cocoa, a much later introduction, had an American provenance. Copra, one among other highly useful products of the coconut, came in the first instance from the Indian coast and its neighbouring islands. Christmas without the turkey. The bird was not domiciled in England until 1825; North America was its home. The piece de resistance of Mansion House banquets—turtle soup—would have been an unknown delight had not the West Indies been discovered: the green turtle was imported from those islands.

Fruits:
As for fruits, many of those now regarded as natives of Britain were of peregrine origin: the apple is the oldest of them. The serious cultivation of the apple tree in England dates from 1640, when the first Kentish orchards were planted. The apple tree was, however, brought into Italy from Syria and Africa some little time earlier than the Christian era. Italy was, in many instances, the first European country to introduce and cultivate many of the fruits which ultimately found their way to England. The apple, as a crop, is mentioned in Saxon deeds; we may, therefore, assume the existence of a Romano-British cultivation of the fruit. The cherry tree was brought from Pontus to Rome by Lucullus, A.D. 70. The apricot hails from Ephesus, the peach from Persia, the higher class plums from Damascus or Armenia, pears and figs from Greece and Egypt. Most of these took some centuries in journeying to our shores from Southern Europe, where they had made themselves a home. The wild strawberry of England and the continent is not the parent of the various strawberries cultivated for many generations in this country. They came from North America, Chili, the Himalayas and elsewhere. A recent writer, referring to Shakespeare's well-known lines, "The strawberry grows beneath the nettle," &c. (Henry VI.) asks the question: were the Elizabethan content with the tiny native berry, or whether already in the 16th century a superior fruit with cultivation from which some of the present varieties were derived? A good deal of evidence exists that strawberries were attributes of common consumption from the days of Henry VIII onwards. The strawberry beneath the nettle seems to point to the wild variety. I have proved from personal experiment

that under favourable cultivation the wild strawberry can be brought to produce berries nearly as large as raspberries.

Gerard, in his "Herbal" (1597), mentions several varieties of strawberries, differentiating them from the wild strawberry, and "The Garden of Health" by William Langham, published in the same year, makes it clear that at that time the strawberry was already cultivated in England, though it is probable that this strawberry was not derived from the wild stock, but that the parent stock reached this country from the east.

Vegetables.
Our vegetables, too, have in many instances an exotic origin. Artichokes, from Asia, made their first appearance in our vegetable gardens about the middle of the sixteenth century. The Jerusalem artichoke came from Brazil. Most of our root and green vegetables are found wild in Britain, but all the same many of those in use in our kitchens are derived from stocks brought from the East. The Romans were great cultivators of asparagus.

Calico was first imported by the East India Company, A.D. 1621, although its manufacture and use began in China, is one among products which Europe generally, and Britain individually, owe to the culture of the Romans. Obviously, it may be said of gold, that its quest and discovery have made the world go round. It was largely the allure of alluvial gold, and no doubt of oysters and pearls, which enticed the Romans to the culture of the Romans. Obviously, it may be said of gold, that its quest and discovery have made the world go round. It was largely the allure of alluvial gold, and no doubt of oysters and pearls, which enticed the Romans to the culture of the Romans.

Obviously, this brief summary does not pretend to be exhaustive. Our cattle, for instance, might be included, and our horses; and it is a fact that most of our common garden flowers were brought to this country in the days of the Tudor monarchs. For the rest I doubt not that many other confirmations of the general thesis advanced will leap to the mind of the reader.—James Stanley Little in United Empire.

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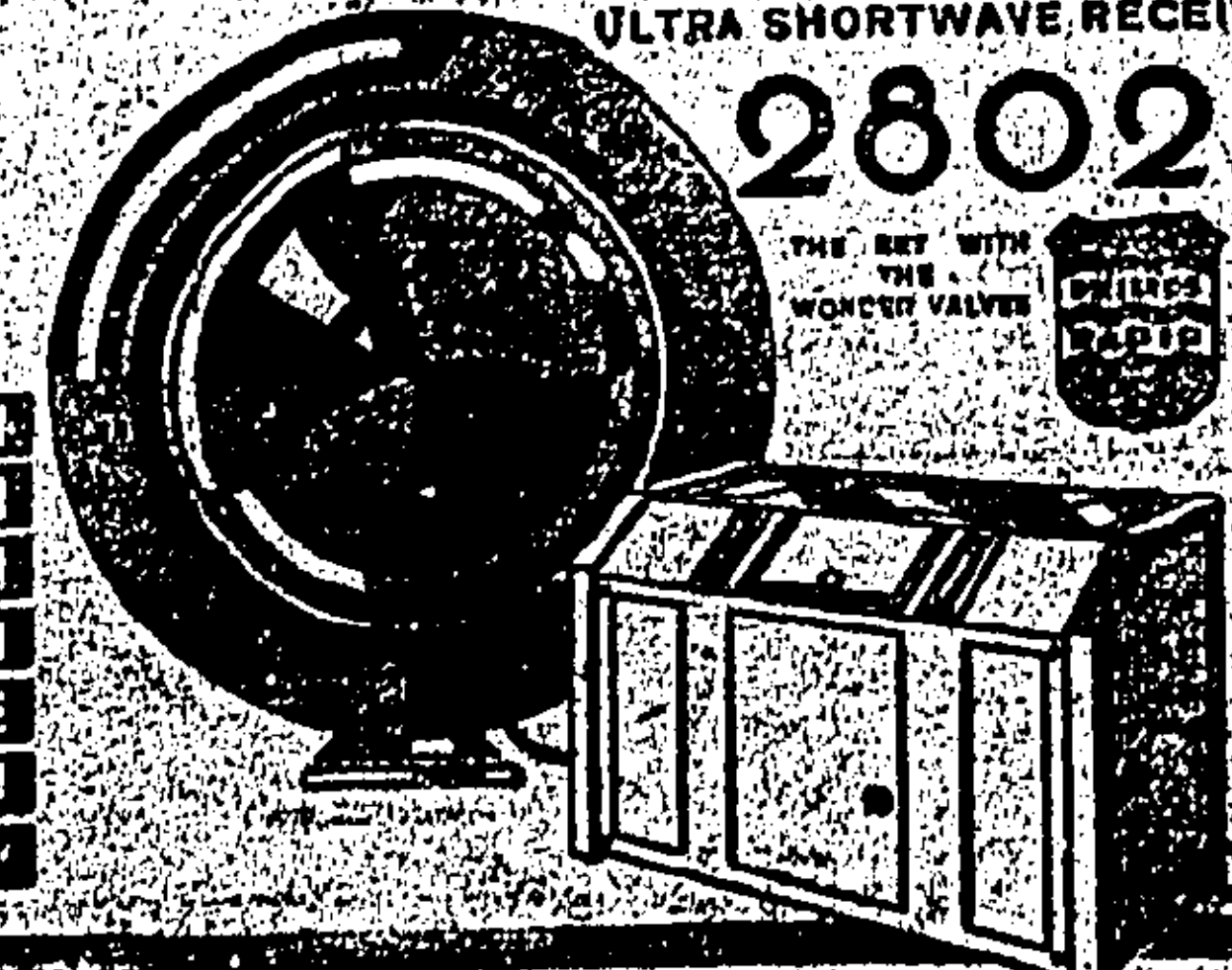
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHUNLUN MARU	Wednesday, 6th November.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
PANAMA MARU	Wednesday, 6th November.
CANADA MARU	Saturday, 6th December.
CAICUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
CELEBES MARU	Tuesday, 18th November.
YOKOHAMA MARU	Tuesday, 2nd December.
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KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
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Los Angeles, Aug. 30.—The lives of 350 persons aboard the gambling ship Montefalcone, anchored off the coast here, were imperilled to-night when the vessel was destroyed by flame following an explosion of gasoline. Only the fortunate circumstance that a number of water taxis were moored alongside the ship at the time made possible the successful escape of all aboard, although two of the crew, J. M. Otto and Ralph Border, were burned severely.

Flames Roar Up.—The flames roared up when a broken gasoline line in the ship's motor ignited as Otto and Border were trying to repair it. The cause of the spark which exploded the gasoline is undetermined. The fire rolled out of the hold and in short order the ship was ablaze from bow to stern. In great excitement, the crowd ran from the gaming tables to the gang-plank and piled into the taxis which drew up to the landing stage and departed as quickly as they were filled. The patrons were carried to a nearby gambling ship, the Johanna Smith, where some nonchalantly resumed their play, while others went ashore.

Loss Is \$115,000.—The Montefalcone burned to the water's edge and the loss was estimated at \$115,000. The fire came as an unexpected agent of relief to Federal, State and county officers, who have been seeking for months to find some legal quip to stop the gambling activities aboard but had struck no solution, inasmuch as the vessel was anchored more than 12 miles off shore on the high seas beyond all authority.

SHIPS IN DISTRESS.

CREW OF FORTY ALL RESCUED.

Seattle, Yesterday.—The crew, numbering forty, of the Selyo Maru, have been rescued by the Shiraha Maru—Routier's American Service. [A San Francisco message of November 3 reported: The wireless station at Mussel Rock has picked up an S. O. S. message from a Japanese freighter, the Selyo Maru, reporting that she is drifting helplessly with her rudder lost and a heavy list. The S. S. California is speeding to the rescue.]

DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION.

The master of the S. S. Anhu reported at the Harbour Office yesterday that whilst on the voyage to Hong Kong he sighted an overturned fishing junk in Lat 22.56 N. Long. 116.34 E. It is regarded as dangerous to navigation.

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It is stated that there will be eight to ten convoys, totalling over fifty ships, supplies of iron and steel goods and machinery being taken out for factories in the far-removed towns of Siberia. Ice-breakers will accompany the flotilla. The leader of the expedition is Captain Reksin, the organisation being the Northern Sea Route Bureau of the Soviet Government, the headquarters of which are now in Bush House, Strand, London. The return cargoes will be sawn wood and sleepers, the bulk of which will be shipped to the United Kingdom.

Much interest is taken in this trade expedition, which should yield valuable geographical as well as trading data.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, November 3.
Gustav Diederichsen, Danish str., 1,352 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Holhow, buoy No. C46.—John Mannors & Co.
Helkon, British str., 1,219 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. C42.—Wo Fat Seng.
Tai Poo Sok, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. B19.—Wo Hop & Co.

Tuesday, November 4.
Aller, German str., 4,741 tons, Capt. M. Haschagen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Melchers & Co.
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Shunko Maru, Japanese str., 5,027 tons, Capt. S. Aoki, from Moll, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Tai Yuan, British str., 2,109 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—B. & S.
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The Ben Line s.s. Benmehr from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on November 1, and is due to arrive here on November 6.
The P. & O. s.s. Kashgar from Hong Kong arrived London on November 2 at 11 a.m.
The C.R.S. s.s. Empress of Russia, Capt. A. J. Hooker, R.N.R. (from Manila) is due here at 9 a.m. on November 9 (Sunday), and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 1 a.m. on November 12 (Wednesday), and connecting with the Dominion of York will be due at Vancouver on December 1.
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OLD TONNAGE.

SHIPBUILDER AND THE SCRAPPING SCHEME.

The well-known Sunderland shipbuilder, Colonel Frank Pickersgill, referring to the Government's appointment of a committee to consider the question of redundant tonnage, said there are approximately 600 owners or firms in the country, and if 100 of the larger owners suggested and place £100 in a pool in £1 shares a company could be formed with a nominal capital of £10,000. The banks could then be approached for the necessary finance, which loan could be repaid as and when the pool reaches the amount involved. The idea, he added, is that in addition to the 4 per cent. allowed by Inland Revenue, an additional one per cent. is to be made available for the scheme. This should also be allowed by Inland Revenue. Such a scheme would stimulate employment among shipbuilders; benefits would accrue to iron and steel factories, which should in due course, by virtue of

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Empress of Canada	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 27	
Empress of Russia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 11	
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 17	
Empress of Asia	Apr. 17	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	May 4	
Empress of Canada	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 31	
Empress of Russia	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 18	
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.	
Japan	Melbourne Maru
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Europe via Suez (Letters and papers London, Oct. 9, and parcels, Oct. 2)	Rawalpindi
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.	
Calcutta and Straits	Talma
Sourabaya	Cape St. Andrew
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Oct. 18)	President Pierce
Japan and Shanghai	Macedonia
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9.	
Manila	Empress of Asia
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak
Australia and Manila	Tanda
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.	
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.	
"Straits," "Ceylon," "India," "Mauritius," East Africa via Mombasa and South Africa via Lourenco Marques	Panama Maru 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan 3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.	
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru 8.30 a.m.
Saigon	Lemutong 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremer 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Melbourne Maru (Due Brisbane, Nov. 19.)
Registration	Nov. 5, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 5, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.	
Shanghai, Japan and "Europe" via Siberia	Rawalpindi 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kut Sang
Parcels	Nov. 7, Noon
Letters	Nov. 7, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia (Due Marseilles, Dec. 5.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels	Nov. 7, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Nov. 8, 9 a.m.
Letters	Nov. 8, 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.	
Japan and "Canada" via Victoria, B.C.	Tyndarous 10 a.m.
(Due Victoria, B.C., Dec. 2.)	
Manila	President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwei Yang 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and "Europe" via Victoria, B.C.	President Madison
(Due Victoria, B.C., Nov. 28.)	
Parcels	Nov. 10, 3 p.m.
Registration	Nov. 10, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and "Europe" via Siberia	President Madison
Registration	Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
Letters	Nov. 10, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.	
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Nan Chang 9 a.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjibadak 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and "Europe" via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Russia
(Due Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 29 and "Europe" via Siberia.)	
Parcels	Nov. 11, 11.15 a.m.
Registration	Nov. 11, 11.15 a.m.
Letters	Noon
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, "Egypt" and "Europe" via Marseilles	Chenonceaux
(Due Marseilles, Dec. 12.)	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration	Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
Letters	Nov. 11, 1 p.m.
Shanghai	Kanchow Noon

* Super-subscribed correspondence only.

"A BAD HAT."

ATTEMPT TO STEAL HAT IN KOWLOON.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

At the Kowloon Magistracy today, a Chinese was charged with attempting to steal a hat from 1, King's Terrace, Kowloon.

The complainant in the case was Mr. David Gabrullar, who stated that he occupied the ground and first floors of the house. He had lost two hats and a suitcase during the past month, and watch kept by him proved fruitless until Monday afternoon. Then he saw the accused enter the doorway of the house, and, as he was a stranger, he asked him what he wanted.

The accused replied that he was looking for the "boy" employed on the top floor, but instead of proceeding upstairs, accused went away and Mr. Gabrullar proceeded to the first floor. About half an hour later, Mr. Gabrullar returned to the ground floor by way of the kitchen and found the accused inside in the act of taking a hat from the hatstand.

20 Minutes' Chase. When accused saw Mr. Gabrullar he bolted and was chased. After a run which lasted 20 minutes Mr. Gabrullar caught accused in an alleyway in Yau-mai and handed him over to the Police.

Accused's story was that he was looking for a man named Ah Fook to whom he had supplied flowers for some time on credit and he wanted to collect the money due to him. Ah Fook had told him that he worked in one of the houses in King's Terrace and, therefore, accused had made a house to house search for the man. He was engaged in his hunt for Ah Fook when Mr. Gabrullar misunderstood his motive and made trouble for him.

Mr. Butters remarked that accused's story was ridiculous and convicted.

Detective-Sergeant Fitches then produced the accused's "record" which showed that he had been convicted four times for larceny. In view of the fact that accused was an old offender the Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

U.S. FRIENDSHIP.

American's Address To Rotarians.

Speaking at the Colwyn Bay Rotary Club luncheon, Dr. D. Hugh Jones, Presbyterian minister, of Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A., said nothing made him more sad than to hear on this side of the Atlantic expressions of bad feeling towards the United States. He was one out of ten million Anglo-Saxons who inhabited the Middle West—people who were virtually the same as the people of Great Britain, holding similar views, striving for the same ideals, and faced with problems very much alike.

"When you are told by irresponsible people that there is real enmity between the peoples of Britain and the United States, believe me when I tell you that there is very little in it. We have in the States a thousand different elements entering into our body politic and citizenship, but before forming an opinion of us you ought to remember that we have amongst us countless people of your own blood who are called Americans, but are really not so in the true sense of the word. When you meet an American of the Anglo-Saxon breeding and background, take him by the hand, for you can rely upon finding in him a true friend."

Continuing, Dr. Jones said: "I think Great Britain and the United States are fated to have the future of the world in their hands. We shall, I think, stand or fall together. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that the spirit of friendship and understanding should be cultivated between the two peoples."

ARSON TRIAL.

FURTHER INSURANCE POLICY DISCOVERED.

Further evidence was taken yesterday in the alleged "arson plot" trial, which involves Li Pui-sing, master of a medicine-shop at 77, Wing Lok Street, and three others.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy informed His Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindsell), that it had just been discovered that a further \$11,000 insurance had been taken out by first defendant, making a total of \$31,000.

Li Pak-chung, a shipping agent, gave evidence as to being asked for a loan of \$10,000, the security being a mortgage on the s.s. Wa San, stated to be owned by first defendant.

Further evidence was to the effect that first defendant had discussed the question of arson with another witness.

Witness having been brought to identify first defendant as the man who rented the premises at 77, Wing Lok Street, the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

HOTEL GUESTS

LIST OF RESIDENTS AT REPULSE BAY.

November 4, 1930.

Mr. A. S. Abbott, Dr. M. E. Asger.

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Mrs. E. P. Kerr, Mrs. and Miss Koenig.

Mr. J. B. C. Lamburn, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lythe.

Mr. G. T. May, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayhew, Mr. Geo. Mellis, Mr. T. Megarry, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McElroy.

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AMERICAN TOURISTS.

Marked Falling Off in Europe This Summer.

For every one hundred Americans who travelled first or second class to Europe last summer, there were only 82 this year.

The decrease is due to business depression, but this has not affected third class travel, which has risen. Steamship sailings from Europe to the United States are down 20 per cent. this season, the chief reason being financial losses suffered by Americans living abroad.

The Farmers' Charity Ball is the third dance in Lincolnshire which has been suspended this season owing to trade depression.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London	1/3 1/2
Bank, wire	1/3 1/2
Bank, on demand	1/3 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3 15/16
Documentary 1/4	
months' sight	1/4 1/16
On Paris	
On demand	800
Credits, 4 months' sight	840
On New York	31 1/2
On demand	31 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	32 1/2
On Bombay	
Wire	87
On demand	87
On Calcutta	87
Wire	87
On demand	87
On Singapore	55 1/2
On demand	55 1/2
On Manila	63 1/4
On demand	63 1/4
On Shanghai	Tls. 80 1/2
On demand	9%
Dollar	
On Yokohama	63 1/2
On demand	63 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/4 1/2
Silver (per oz.)	15 13/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Par.
Copper Cash	Nominal.
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.775
New York	4.85 21/32
Brussels	34.84
Geneva	35.03
Amsterdam	12.055
Milan	29.795
Berlin	20.89
Stockholm	18.105
Copenhagen	18.15
Oslo	34.455
Vienna	163 1/2
Prague	193.
Helsingfors	43.25
Madrid	108.25
Lisbon	375
Athens	318
Bucharest	47 1/2
Rio	35 1/2
Buenos Aires	35 1/2
Montevideo	40
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Shanghai	1/7 1/4
Hong Kong	1/3 1/4
Yokohama	2/0 7/32
Silver Spot	16 13/16
Silver Forward	16 1/2
—British Wireless Service	

BOYS' WALK TO KARACHI.

Foreign Office Intervenes.

London, October 2. The Foreign Office has scotched the scheme of the two Southern youths, Carpenter and Prior, to tramp to India for work. It has declined to issue passports until the guarantee is given that if they are stranded anywhere their return fares will be available. Their parents have refused to guarantee this.

[A London message of September 30 stated:—Equipped with a blanket, a change of clothing and a number of dictionaries, two twenty-year-old Southern youths, Leslie Carpenter and Sidney Prior, are leaving for France to-night to walk to Karachi to find work. The youths hope by getting odd jobs to work their way across France and Austria to the Balkans and Turkey, and thence to India.]

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Agricultural Wages Committee at Winchester agreed that the existing minimum wages of 30s. 6d. a week and overtime rates of 10s. 6d. be continued until December 1931.

Section II of the London Signal Division of the Royal Naval Volunteers beat Section I in the final of its yearly flag-hoisting competition held on board H.M.S. President, off the Victoria Embankment, E.C.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 5th Nov., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Notes	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1565				Dec.	Interim 2 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank			17 1/2		Dec.	Interim 7 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) Sep. 30
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.			26 1/2		Dec.	Interim 20% 1930 (1929-30) Sep. 30
Bank of Asia			113		Dec.	2 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1065				Dec.	Final 37% 1929 (1928-29) May 15, 30
Union Ins.	470	475			Dec.	Final 10% 1929 (1928-29) May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	2.60				Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) May 30, 30
China Fire Ins.	400				Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.			1100		Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases		27 1/2			Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamship	20				Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Ptd.)			40		Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
Shell Transport			80		Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) July 9, 30
Union Waterways	38 1/2				Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet			3.70		Dec.	Interim 15% 1930 (1929-30) Sept. 30, 30
Kailash Mining Ad.			35/3		June	Interim 1 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) June 30
Langkat			9 1/2		Oct.	Interim 10% 1929 (1928-29) May 8, 30
Shai Exploration			1		Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) July 1, 30
*Loans			6 1/2		Dec.	Interim 7 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) Sept. 30, 30
*Rauhe	24 1/2				Mar.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Sept. 30, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	167				Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks			32		Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
*China Provident (old)	5.40	5.45			Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
(new)	2.60				Dec.	Interim 7 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) Sept. 12, 30
Hongkong			285		Dec.	Interim 10% 1930 (1929-30) Feb. 25, 30
N. Engineering			7.30		Dec.	Interim 10% 1930 (1929-30) July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks			120		Apr.	T. 7 for year 1930-31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	11.00				Dec.	50 cents for 1929
H. K. Lands (old)	6 1/2				Dec.	Interim 10% 1930 (1929-30) Aug. 8, 30
(new)			601		Dec.	Interim 10% 1930 (1929-30) July 31, 30
*Rights	181				Dec.	81 cents for 1929
Shanghai Land			315		Dec.	Interim 10% 1930 (1929-30) May 7, 30
Humphreys			16		Dec.	Interim 10% 1930 (1929-30) Sep. 4, 30
H. K. Realities	9.95				Feb.	85 for year 1930-31
Chinese Estates			87		Feb.	85 for year 1930-31
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton		12 1/2			Dec.	Final 2 1/2% 1929
Shanghai Cotton			62		Apr.	T. 2 1/2% 1930 (1929-30) May 28, 30
Zoong Sing			9 1/2		Oct.	T. 0.5% for year 1930-31
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	16 1/2		18.35		Apr.	Interim 40 cents 1930 (1929-30) Aug. 27, 30
*Peak Tram (old)	14		14		Apr.	50 cents on old for year 1930-31
(new)			6 1/2		Dec.	84 for 1929
*Star Ferry	85				Dec.	Interim 15 cents 1930 (1929-30) Feb. 14, 30
*China Light (old)	96 1/2		95.40		Sept.	Interim 15 cents 1930 (1929-30) May 19, 30
(new)	20 1/2				Dec.	82.50 for 1929
*H. K. Electric	61 1/2		61 1/2		Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Mar. 19, 30
*Sankin Lights	11 1/2				Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Aug. 1, 30
H. K. Tels. fully paid	35 1/2				Dec.	T. 0.5% for 1929
China Buses			16 1/2		Dec.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Tramways (Ord.)	7/9				Sept.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Feb. 6, 30
(Pref.)			10 1/2			Subject to income tax
Industrials.						
China Sugar	70 1/2					In Liquidation.
Malayan Sugars			27		Dec.	2 1/2% 1929
Cold & Macq. Ord.			101			T. 0.50
(Pref.)			10.40			T. 0.40 1/2 months 1929
Canton			3 1/2		July	None
*Cements (com.)	18.60				Dec.	30 cents on old for 1929
(old)	12 1/2					34 cents on new
(new)			5.30			
H. K. Rope	11.10				Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
United Asbestos			5			
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms C/R	20 1/2				Dec.	2 1/2% 1929
X/R	24 1/2					
Rights	9 1/2					
Watsons	23.30		12.40		Oct.	T. 3 cents for year 1929-30
Der A. Wipf			1			Last dividend for year 1929-30
Lanc. Crawfords			3 1/2		Feb.	2 1/2% 1929-30
MacIntosh	10				Feb.	2 1/2% 1929-30
Slocera			11.60			
Wm. Powell			2.65			2 1/2% 1929-30
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement			23		Mar.	Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	10 1/2					Final 30% 1929 (1928-29) Sept. 27, 30
H. K. Communications	3 1/2				Dec.	None
B. Ind. O. Bonds	65 1/2					
H. K. Gov. Loans	9%					Interest half yearly
*Speculative shares.						

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Car.

BOMBAY CRIME.

Bombay, Oct. 10.
Police investigations into this
morning's shooting, outrage, when
police Sergeant Taylor and his
wife were shot and injured, have
resulted in the arrest of 12 youths,
none of whom are above 20 years
of age.

The majority of them are con-
nected with the Swatantra Bharat
Sabha (Independent India League)
recently started in Bombay.

The Police also seized a motor-
car in the suburbs, in which a
number of cartridges was found.

[A later message states:—The
police searched last night several
houses in connection with the shoot-
ing.]

Six more arrests bring the total
to 18, including three Government
employees and the owner of the
assaults' car, Mr. Shanker Shinde,
a landlord in Andheri, a suburb of
Bombay.

The car, the final digit of whose
number was obliterated at the time
of the outrage to evade detection,
has been taken possession of by the
police.

Police-Sergeant Taylor and his
wife were fired at in the early hours
of the morning as they were going
home after a drive. Both were in-
jured and removed to hospital.

The assailants' car dashed off.
Mr. King attempted to pursue them
but found that the tyre of Sergeant
Taylor's car had been punctured by
a bullet.

Another car passing by attempted
to chase the assailants, who, how-
ever, escaped.

The injuries to Sergeant Taylor
and his wife are not serious, al-
though Mrs. Taylor was hit thrice
in the legs.

It transpires that Sergeant Tay-
lor with his wife and Mr. King had
left the car and were entering the
police station, when the shots were
fired.

He hurried the ladies to the rear
of the car for protection, after
which Mrs. Taylor was wounded.
Taylor's shouts brought other
officers to the scene. Meanwhile,
however, the assailants drove off at
top-speed.

The assailants' car bore a false
number. Expended bullets picked
up on the scene reveal that three
different types of weapons were
used, leading to the presumption
that all three passengers in the car
participated in the firing.

Further Powers For Authorities.

Simla, October 10.
Named "The Unlawful Associa-
tion Ordinance," the Viceroy has
promulgated a ninth ordinan-
ce to enable local Govern-
ments to take effective mea-
sures for the occupation of im-
movable property and for the for-
feiture of movable property used
for the purpose of any association
declared to be unlawful.

The Viceroy's explanatory state-
ment refers to the grave injury
caused to India by Congress, who
not only rejected the path of con-
stitutional representation, but de-
clared their intention to cause still
greater damage and suffering to
the public.

Government therefore requires
further powers to check the activi-
ties of unlawful organisations.

The Viceroy says it has been
represented to him that the
Criminal Law Amendment Act
powers are defective, as they do not
grant authority to take possession
of property used for the purpose of
an unlawful association.

"In these circumstances, I
thought it right to promulgate an
Ordinance to enable local govern-
ments to take effective measures for
the occupation of immovable prop-
erty and the forfeiture of movable
property used for the purpose of an
unlawful association."

"Greatly Deplored."

The Viceroy instructed local Gov-
ernments first, to grant as a matter
of grace, reasonable compensation
to a person who suffered loss from
the occupation and forfeiture of his
property and who had not given
direct or indirect support to the
movement wherewith the unlawful
association was connected; and
secondly, to return to the third
party property occupied or attached
if the Government does not require
it, provided it is satisfied with the
third party's assurance regarding
its future use.

With a friend, Mr. King, and his
wife, the Taylors were alighting
from the car at Police quarters,
Lamington Road, when Sergeant
Taylor observed a short distance
away another car with three pas-
sengers, who are believed to have
fired 15 shots in quick succession,
one hitting Taylor's hand and an-
other Mrs. Taylor's thigh.

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ties of unlawful organisations.

The Viceroy says it has been
represented to him that the
Criminal Law Amendment Act
powers are defective, as they do not
grant authority to take possession
of property used for the purpose of
an unlawful association.

"In these circumstances, I
thought it right to promulgate an
Ordinance to enable local govern-
ments to take effective measures for
the occupation of immovable prop-
erty and the forfeiture of movable
property used for the purpose of an
unlawful association."

"Greatly Deplored."

The Viceroy instructed local Gov-
ernments first, to grant as a matter
of grace, reasonable compensation
to a person who suffered loss from
the occupation and forfeiture of his
property and who had not given
direct or indirect support to the
movement wherewith the unlawful
association was connected; and
secondly, to return to the third
party property occupied or attached
if the Government does not require
it, provided it is satisfied with the
third party's assurance regarding
its future use.

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the months of July and August,
and conditions have been so bad
that flying times of only 79 hrs. 40
mins. in July and 105 hrs. 15 min.
in August have been recorded.

In July particularly the weather
was such that instruction had to
be discontinued and only the most
expert of the "A" licence pilots
were allowed to take the air.
Similar but slightly improved con-
ditions were experienced during
August, and it is pleasing to record
the following new soloists—Messrs
Harvey (the Club Engineer),
Smith and Lee, Mr. Learmount,
who was largely responsible for
the formation of the Singapore
Flying Club, also passed the tests
necessary for renewal of his
licence.

Conditions were good on the last
day of the month and members
were not slow to take advantage
of the fact. Machines were work-
ed all out and record times were

set up—G-EBUJ 7 hrs. 40 mins.,
G-EBUK 7 hrs. 30 mins.

More Machines Wanted.
The club's work is still hampered
by lack of machines. The fleet at
the present moment consists of
three Moths, two of which are in
flying trim while the third is dis-
mantled awaiting the arrival of
spares.

Pupils are waiting to fly, instruc-
tors are available, but with only
two machines and with poor wea-
ther, the results are not as satis-
factory as we should like.

The total flying time of the club
this year to the end of August is
747 hrs. 25 mins., and the grand
total since its formation 1,672 hrs.
10 mins.

"WILDCAT" AND GIRL.

Assault and other charges have
been brought in the Superior Court
at Los Angeles against "Ace"
Hudkins, the American middle-
weight boxer known as the
"Nebraska Wildcat" by Miss Rhea
W. Hill, who is asking for \$32,000
damages.

She alleged that he broke his pro-
mise to marry her and broke her
nose in a quarrel.
Miss Hill claims that she be-
came engaged to Hudkins three
years ago.

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REOPENING OF HISTORIC
CHURCH AT WINDSOR.

ROYAL FAMILY PRESENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, Prince George and Prince Arthur of Connaught were present to-day at a thanksgiving service to commemorate the re-opening of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, which has just been restored to its original splendour. Edward III, nearly 600 years ago, gave the Chapel to the Knights of the Garter, and many others of the Order were present to-day. Almost all the Royal families of the world were present in person or represented. Among the assembly were also the representatives of various bodies of workers engaged in the restoration of the fabric.—British Wireless Service.

GOLD SUPPLIES.

INSUFFICIENT TO MEET WORLD REQUIREMENTS?

MEASURES BY THE LEAGUE.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Philip Snowden stated that he had received the interim report of the gold delegation financial committee of the League of Nations, dealing with possibility that future supplies of new gold might be inadequate to meet world requirements. The measures it suggested to meet such an eventuality were international in scope. Moreover, the delegation had not yet completed its investigation and no action would be taken until its next report, which it is understood, will be in the nature of recommendations.—Reuter.

NEW 20-CENT COINS.

TO BE ISSUED IN CANTON SHORTLY.

Canton, Yesterday.
The Canton Mint has completed the new 20-cent die of the 19th Year of the Chinese Republic, which will be put into operation before long. It is understood that since the resumption of the mint, a large quantity of silver bar has been purchased, which can meet with the demand of the daily output without utilising the conversion of old coins, as the practice formerly adopted.—Canton News Agency.

R.101 DISASTER NOT DUE TO BE WEATHER.

Opinion That Airship Fell to Ground Gently.

CAUSE OF DIPPING.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Evidence of the survivors of the French witnesses, one of whom witnessed the disaster, has been completed and the Court of Inquiry into the loss of the airship to-day heard evidence concerning the weather conditions at the time. This was given by officials of the Air Ministry Meteorology Department. Sir John Simon, President of the Court, said that their evidence showed that very careful arrangements were made on ground and on the ship to learn the probable meteorological conditions. Whether or not it was good flying weather in which to start for India was quite another question.

Dr. Simpson, Director of Meteorology at the Air Ministry, said that the R.101 was warned that she would be likely to meet high winds, and rain over northern France. But the weather conditions on the night of the flight were nothing to cause the navigators anxiety. Dr. Simpson expressed the view that the rain did not affect the navigation of the ship and was not an important factor in the final catastrophe. The airship would have had far worse weather for hours after the time of the disaster.—British Wireless Service.

A Gentle Fall.

London, Yesterday.
At the resumption of the R.101 enquiry to-day Dr. Hope Simpson, in his evidence, said that the meteorological conditions were very carefully worked out for the flight. There was nothing about the weather experienced by the R.101 on her flight to India that need have worried the navigators. There might have been an error of 75 feet in the altimeter reading, but the greatest possible error was 168 feet. Witness quoted a letter from Dr. Eckener, expressing the opinion that an error in the altimeter was most probable. Dr. Hope Simpson said that the dipping of the airship at the time of the Hendon trial flights was due to the instability of the atmosphere. Prior to the India flight the airship had experienced no

SUDDEN DEATH.

HAWKER COLLAPSE AT POLICE STATION.

A TRAGIC SCENE.

A sad thing happened in the compound of the Central Magistracy this morning, when Wong Pui (33), a licensed hawkker, 4, Chinese Street, suddenly died from internal hemorrhage. The man had previously appeared before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Second Court and pleaded guilty to a charge of having hawked vegetables within the limits of Central Market. Asked by the Magistrate if he had any excuse to make or any grievance to voice, the hawkker replied in the negative, and in doing so, put his hand to his mouth as if to be sick.

He left the Court room, and in the corridor outside, vomited blood. He was taken out into the compound between the Magistracy and the Victoria Jail, where a European Sergeant and an Indian Sergeant held him down.

At this stage two European doctors from the prison came on the scene, and one of them treated the man, who was now lying in a pool of blood. He was heard to call out "Kau meng" (save life) and then died before further aid could be summoned. The body was sent to the Public Mortuary.

A WEEK'S DISEASE.

During the week ended November 1 the following cases of diseases were notified to the Medical Officer of Health:—

Cases Deaths	
Diphtheria	1
Enteric fever	5
Cerebro-spinal fever	1
Influenza	1

One of the enteric fever cases was imported.
On November 3 two cases of typhoid fever and one case of diphtheria were notified.

wind over 15 miles an hour. She experienced no stabler weather, but not such gusty weather.

Major Cooper, of the Air Ministry, said that he was very impressed by the fact that very few trees were broken by the fall of the airship at Beauvais, indicating that the fall was very gentle. There was no mechanical defect in the elevators or their control levers.

The hearing was again adjourned.—Reuter.

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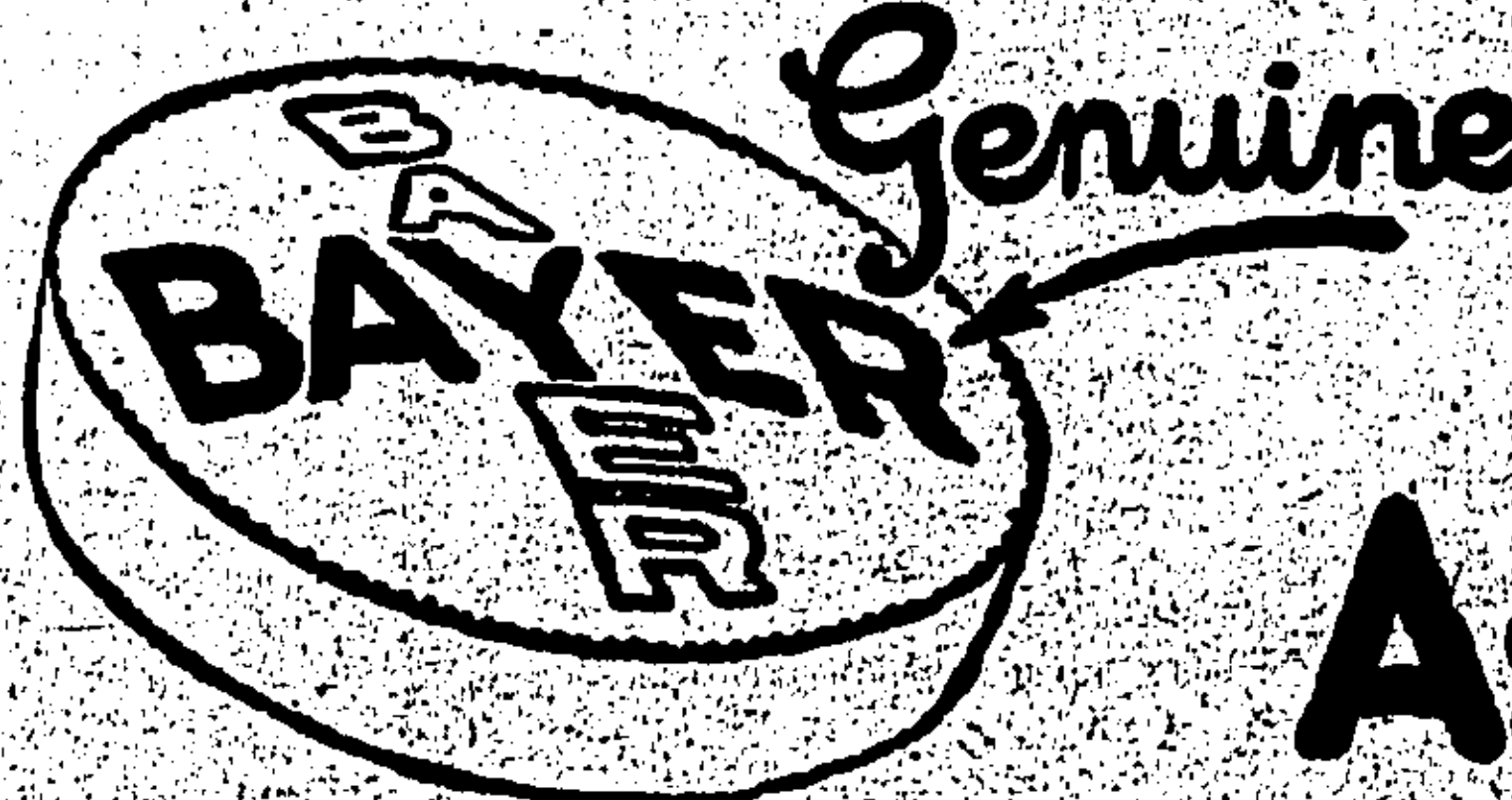
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